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HILLSBOROUGH MAN SENTENCED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Concord Police Department Chief Jerome Madden today announced that Donald Syphers, 49, formerly of 2 West Main Street in Hillsborough was sentenced to a prison term of 30 months after pleading guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C.A. § 2252A.

The investigation by the Concord Police Department began in 2001 when it was given information from three minor females that Syphers had attempted to take photographs of them in various states of undress. A search warrant was executed at the defendant's Hillsborough residence and a computer and other evidence were seized. A forensic examination of the computer revealed thousands of images of children, including images of explicit child pornography. The defendant entered a guilty plea on July 8 of this year.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "Cases involving the abuse or attempted abuse of children, including the collection of child pornography, are among the highest priority matters handled by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire." U.S. Attorney Colantuono praised the Concord Police Department for its diligent work in bringing to justice those who would collect images depicting sexual conduct involving children.

This prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.